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I am writing you in regards to a draft guidance document (HFA-305) that proposes health providers initiate a HCV Lookback Program using a 1990 HCV test. The draft document also proposes providers "search historical records dating back indefinitely to the extent that electronics or other readily retrievable records exist".

After receiving information regarding the most recent requirement of a HCV Lookback (1992) which produced negligible results and caused undue concern and fright among senior citizens, I personally feel that this is a waste of taxpayers money, as well as frightening a group of citizens, which can not handle the burden this knowledge presents.

A more positive and economical approach would be to test patients as they are admitted to a hospital or visit their physician, if transfusion was administered in the past.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

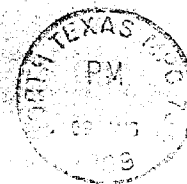
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